

McClellan AFB Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)

Meeting Minutes

October 15, 1997

6:30 p.m.

Vineland Elementary School

RAB Members Attending: Chuck Yarbrough, Community Co-Chair; Elaine Anderson, McClellan AFB Co-Chair; Randy Adams, Department of Toxic Substances Control; Barry Bertrand; Del Callaway; Brad Gacke; Mannard Gaines; Bill Gibson; Sheila Guerra; Joe Healy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Alex MacDonald, Regional Water Quality Control Board; Susan McKee, Congressman Fazio's office

RAB Members Not Attending: James Bryant; John Leuthe; Jeannie Lewis; Cody Tubbs; Simeon Okoroike; Ben Norman

Others Attending: Imogene Zander; Dahlia Eng; Frank Miller; G. Blauth; Burl Taylor; Charles Mathis, Mather RAB; Dale Kasler, Sacramento Bee; Craig Burnett, McClellan AFB; Jamie Cameron-Harley, McClellan AFB; Kim Emerick, McClellan AFB; Robert Gonzales, McClellan AFB; Doug Self, McClellan AFB; Jerry Vincent, McClellan AFB; Margaret Gidding, McClellan AFB; Dave Green, McClellan AFB; Mary Bridgewater, Air Force Base Conversion Agency; Linda Geissenger, Air Force Base Conversion Agency; Stephanie Benedict, Radian International; Kerri Hartung, Radian International; Mitchell Ryan, Radian International; Tom Lae, Jacobs; Rick Blank, Law Engineering and Environmental Services; Alan Sarko, Seiler Pollution Control Systems, Inc.

ACTION ITEMS

Status	Action Item	Champion	Time Frame
PREVIOUS MEETING			
Open	Develop schedule of meetings for Reuse and Technical Report Committees	John Leuthe and Del Callaway	By 7 August Co-Chair Luncheon
Open	Members of Technical Report Review committee contact John Leuthe about meeting to prepare a committee mission statement	TRRC Committee members	By October RAB
Closed	Explore pros and cons of televising	EM	ASAP

	RAB meetings on cable TV		
Closed	Find out what other military facilities are doing to remediate dioxin contamination	Joe Healy	By October RAB
Closed	Determine if someone from EPA's Quality Assurance group can brief the RAB on data quality assurance processes at October RAB	Joe Healy	Not specified
Closed	Mail copies of Dennis Green's slides to any RAB member who requests them	Jamie Cameron-Harley	ASAP
Closed	Invite Mr. Barry Bertrand to the next RAB Executive Session	Jamie Cameron-Harley	Before the 4 Sept. Executive Session Meeting
Closed	Invite spokesman from Sacramento Cable Commission to Executive Session	Chuck Yarbrough	ASAP
CURRENT MEETING			
Closed	Confer with Civil Engineering re: grading or removing the soil placed near the north end of the runway after its removal from the creek. The soil is clean but looks unsightly. <i>A response to this action item is contained in these meeting minutes under the Community Bulletin Board Section.</i>	Jerry Vincent	ASAP
Closed	Provide the RAB with test results of the air and smoke from the plating shop fire	Dave Green	ASAP
Open	Provide Bob Shirley with the title and date of the document that does not properly site MW 111-113	John Leuthe and Del Callaway	ASAP
Open	Set meeting date for adhoc by-laws committee, and contact committee members about the meeting.	Chuck Yarbrough	Not specified
Closed	Provide RAB members with the results of the recent advisory worksheets on SWRCB Resolution 92-49 and MWs 111, 112, and 113 monitoring results	Elaine Anderson/EM	As an attachment to the draft October 15, 1997 RAB meeting minutes
Closed	Let Chuck Yarbrough know if anyone	RAB members	October 15, 1997 RAB

	wants to be on by-laws committee		meeting
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INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Chuck Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He asked the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) members to introduce themselves to the audience. Mr. Yarbrough announced that there would be a three-minute time limit for public comments and/or questions beginning at the next RAB meeting.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Callaway moved to approve the meeting minutes from the July RAB meeting, as written. Minutes were approved unanimously by a vote of the community members present.

NEW BUSINESS

Elaine Anderson described the poster board stations available at the back of the room. She announced that representatives from Seiler Pollution Control Systems, Inc. (Seiler) were attending the RAB meeting at the request of Mr. Yarbrough. Seiler is proposing a vitrification project on the base and was available for questions before and after the meeting.

DATA QUALITY ASSURANCE AND QUALITY CONTROL PRESENTATION

Ms. Anderson introduced Vance Fong, who is in charge of U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Quality Assurance Program. Mr. Fong gave a brief presentation on U.S. EPA's Quality Assurance Program.

I. QA/QC Definitions

Mr. Fong reviewed the common concepts of Quality Assurance and Quality Control and their definitions.

- The Quality Assurance *Program* Plan ensures that there are sufficient resources and manpower, and that the organizational structure is in place. It provides a program-wide prospective.
- The Quality Assurance *Project* Plan (QAPP) spells out the technical activities and requirements that are to be in place for a Superfund investigation.
- Quality assurance (QA) generally refers to a large integrated system to ensuring that all measurements are taken of sufficient quality to make a decision about the site.
- Quality control (QC) specifies the technical criteria to be followed.
- Data quality objectives (DQOs) are a set of qualitative and/or quantitative statements about the decisions to be made at a site.
- Laboratory audits are one type of QA measure performed to ensure that a laboratory is operating properly. Laboratory audits ideally are performed before the investigation begins.
- Performance evaluation samples are "blind" samples sent to the laboratory (i.e., the laboratory personnel cannot tell if the samples are actually from the site or if it is a performance check sample).
- An electronic data audit consists of U.S. EPA visiting a laboratory, regenerating the laboratory's electronic data, and comparing the regenerated data to what the laboratory had previously reported.
- A field sampling plan contains the location and depth of the samples and identifies the QC procedures.
- A field audit is when the U.S. EPA scrutinizes the contractor field activities to determine if they are in compliance with the approved sampling plan and QAPP.
- Data validation takes place after all data have been received from the laboratory. During data validation, a reviewer looks at all available documentation of a sample analysis to try to reproduce the results and make sure that the laboratory is reporting the correct results.
- The Data Quality Assessment determines if the data quality objectives were met.

Mr. Fong also defined laboratory fraud as when a laboratory deliberately falsifies results. EPA review of QA/QC data has on occasion identified laboratory frauds at other sites.

II. Importance of Quality Assurance

Mr. Fong explained that EPA Order 5360.1 requires environmental decisions made by the Agency to be based on data of known quality. Therefore, quality assurance at U.S. EPA is not an option and must be strictly followed. He also explained that The National Contingency Plan (NCP) has specific requirement for developing a QAPP and using the DQO process, making QA/QC the law. Flexibility with QA/QC is allowed as long as it does not jeopardize the quality of data that are used for decision making.

QA documentation from other facilities, not McClellan, has at times been so poor that U.S. EPA has declared QA documentation a vulnerability within the agency under the Federal Managers Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA). Mr. Fong said McClellan AFB's QA documentation is done quite well.

The overall site Basewide QAPP is at a point of being approved. The U.S. EPA will be working very closely with McClellan AFB to ensure that the QAPP is implemented correctly.

III. QA Roles and Responsibilities

U.S. EPA has an oversight responsibility towards McClellan AFB and ensures that the work is done correctly. McClellan AFB is the lead and implementing agency. U.S. EPA reviewed 37 documents from McClellan AFB for the period of May 1992 to October 1997.

Mr. Frank Miller asked what deficiencies were found at McClellan AFB. Mr. Fong responded that he did not say that deficiencies were found at McClellan.

Mr. Miller asked if McClellan AFB was 100% perfect. Mr. Fong said that McClellan's overall QA system, including the paper and field QA, are around the 90 percent. U.S. EPA has to review and make comments on the plan and allow McClellan the opportunity to address the comments. Mr. Fong said that McClellan AFB has performed quite well in comparison to other bases.

III. QA Activities Planned/Conducted by U.S. EPA

The U.S. EPA's main purpose in respect to QA/QC is to ensure the McClellan AFB has an effective QA program in place and that the Remedial Project Managers (RPMs) for the U.S. EPA and McClellan AFB meet frequently. This is to ensure that the QAPP is fully implemented by McClellan AFB. The U.S. EPA requires appropriate supporting documents from McClellan AFB to substantiate its actions.

IV. Laboratory Oversight and Data Review

Laboratory oversight ensures the reliability of McClellan AFB's laboratory quality assurance programs and the quality of the laboratory data. In the future, U.S. EPA hopes to work with McClellan AFB to develop a data tracking system that tracks the quality of the data, identifies the laboratory used, and identifies data quality deficiencies.

Per the McClellan QAPP, the following quality assurance measures are used for data and document review:

- Determine if data validation is done correctly;
- Determine if data validation is conducted by an independent party;
- Determine whether electronic validation is conducted;
- Determine that double-blind performance evaluation samples are used;
- Ensure that magnetic tapes of the data are maintained and made available to U.S. EPA;
- Ensure that laboratory audits are performed correctly;

- Ensure that the data quality objectives are reasonable for each site; and
- Ensure that a Quality Assurance Officer is appointed and that he/she is a government employee.

V. Oversight of Field and Data Collection Activities

U.S. EPA reviews field sampling plans, treatability studies, design and construction work plans, ground water monitoring plans and requires McClellan AFB to conduct field audits. On 11 July 1997, the U.S. EPA conducted a field audit, and all sampling was deemed in compliance.

VI. QA Support Activities

The U.S. EPA and McClellan AFB have a cooperative relationship. The U.S. EPA provides QA training on Computer Aided Data Review Evaluation (CADRE), Data Quality Objectives, Quality Assurance Project Plan, and Data Quality Assessment, to name a few. U.S. EPA also makes sure that McClellan AFB has all the guidance documents on U.S. EPA QA policies.

It is the opinion of U.S. EPA that McClellan AFB is doing relatively well. Mr. Fong said that if the public felt that the U.S. EPA should do more as an oversight agency to please let them know.

Mr. Miller asked what did the U.S. EPA do about the laboratory in Arizona that provided fraudulent analytical data to 300 municipal water suppliers. Mr. Fong said that the U.S. EPA closed the laboratory down, subpoenaed all the information from the laboratory, and barred the company from receiving federal and state contracts for five years.

Mr. Miller asked if it was possible that the water suppliers were aware of the laboratory's fraudulent behavior. Mr. Fong replied that the U.S. EPA did not find any evidence that the employees and/or county were in collusion with the laboratory.

RAB ADVISORY WORKSHEET UPDATE

Ms. Anderson said that the review of the RAB Advisory Worksheets will become a regular part of the Executive and General Session of the RAB. The worksheets discussed at these meetings would only be outstanding items. For this meeting, three advisory worksheets were outstanding.

I. State Water Board Resolution 92-49

At the February 5, 1997 RAB meeting, Alex MacDonald briefed the RAB on State Water Resources Control Board Resolution 92-49, which forbids the degradation of the waters of the state. The RAB accepted the resolution of the Relative Risk Ranking Committee to support the Regional Water Quality Control Board's interpretation of the resolution. The McClellan RPMs have agreed on the technical language that will comply with the intent

of the resolution. The language will address how to determine when soil cleanup systems will be installed based upon the impact to groundwater as well as when to shut the systems off. The language **does not** establish what the groundwater cleanup levels will be (see attached RAB Worksheet 1014-01).

Ms. Anderson reiterated that language agreed upon is technical in nature and that changes may take place once the legal aspects are reviewed.

II. Monitoring Wells (MWs) 111, 112, and 113

In an Advisory Worksheet, McClellan was asked to monitor these three wells for four quarters. MW 111 has been sampled in each of the last four quarters. MWs 112 and 113 have each been sampled three out of the last four quarters. All of the results are below maximum contaminant levels (MCLs). Therefore, according to the sampling strategy in the Final Groundwater Monitoring Plan, these wells will be sampled every two years. The next sampling event for MWs 111, 112, and 113 will take place in the third quarter of 1999.

The public and RAB members were given an opportunity to comment on the Groundwater Monitoring Plan, and McClellan has responded to those comments. Sheila Guerra requested that Ms. Anderson provide copies of the response to comments to the RAB members. Ms. Anderson said that a copy will be sent out with the meeting minutes (see attached RAB Worksheet 1015-01).

III. Upcoming Issues

Joe Healy of U. S. EPA said that a number of key decisions will be made in the next two years that will affect the Superfund Records of Decision (RODs). He asked that RAB members start thinking about these issues, and said the Air Force and the agencies would be soliciting advice from community members on them. These issues include:

- What will happen to the existing landfills located on McClellan AFB and how should the base deal with the contamination?

McClellan AFB is tentatively scheduled to publicize within the next three months a preliminary list of options being considered for the landfills.

- Groundwater cleanup alternatives: how should a final groundwater cleanup decision be approached? The current Interim ROD specifies containment of the contaminated groundwater. And what should the final cleanup levels be?
- How clean is clean? Should McClellan AFB be cleaned up to industrial cleanup standards or to residential cleanup standards?
- What will be the end use of the treated groundwater? Presently it is discharged to Magpie Creek.
- What will the radiation cleanup standards be? (Building 252 in particular.) This issue is being debated nationally.

Mr. Healy suggested that the RAB members network with other RABs at various installations to discover how they dealt with some of the above issues. Mr. Healy reiterated the importance of the RAB and the public's involvement. As McClellan AFB begins conducting the Feasibility Studies for the remedial action alternatives, it would be a good time for RAB members to get involved.

Mr. Healy requested the RPMs to draft RAB worksheets on the aforementioned topics. He also suggested that the RAB members submit worksheets on their own concerns.

Within the next several years, Mr. Healy anticipated that there will be intense discussions and final decisions will be made on the topics he reviewed. He said he looked forward to working with the RAB.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Relations Committee

Ms. Guerra reported that the Community Relations Committee did not meet on September 17, 1997. A meeting will be rescheduled for November or December 1997 to review the committee's mission statement and various budget items. She announced that there would be a Environmental Management Web Site demonstration during the break and after the meeting. The Information Repository is still under discussion.

Mr. Miller commended Ms. Guerra for her efforts in correcting problems with Information Repository operations.

Base Reuse Committee

Mr. Del Callaway said that the Base Reuse Committee did not meet since the last Public RAB Meeting. However, he did discuss several other issues.

Role of the Base Reuse Committee. Mr. Callaway said that he sent an email to Mr. Rick Solander, EM's point of contact for the Base Reuse Committee, to express his concerns about the lack of communication between EM and the RAB on various reuse issues and projects in progress. Mr. Callaway said since the response to his email did not address his concerns, he sent another email to clarify his concerns — mainly that "the RAB must be included early in the process especially reuse issues. Thus enabling the early and continued two-way flow of information, concerns, values and needs between the Air Force and the community." He felt the committee was not being utilized properly. Copies of the emails were made available.

Mr. Callaway said he learned at a BRAC Cleanup Team (BCT) meeting that Grant Union School District may potentially use Building 628 as a high school vocational training facility. Mr. Callaway said that this was not in compliance with the "like use" philosophy of base reuse. (This building had been used as a radiochemistry laboratory.)

Ms. Gidding said that McClellan's role is not to endorse anything that the Local Reuse Authority (LRA) wants to bring on to the base. McClellan's role is to support any environmental documentation needed to bring a project to the base. Mr. Callaway has an integral role as a liaison between the LRA Planning Committee and the RAB. When Mr. Solander gives the informational updates at BCT meetings, it is usually the first announcement of a reuse proposal. The concerns that are being expressed by the RAB should be taken to the LRA because McClellan is only supporting whatever environmental documentation is needed for those proposals and not the proposals themselves.

Mr. Callaway said that Mario Ierardi had recommended that the Base Reuse Committee be formed to expedite the cleanup and reuse process. It is Mr. Callaway's desire that he be informed of the reuse issues well in advance of the BCT meetings in order to discuss any differences and/or supply additional information from the community. Ms. Gidding reiterated that the RAB should discuss these issues with the LRA.

Rick Solander of EM said that his role is to address the documentation required for the effort, not to endorse the project, and not to determine whether or not it is safe to come on base. These projects are under the endorsement of the County of Sacramento. The Air Force's role is very limited.

Mr. Yarbrough said that the Base Reuse Committee should be brought into the picture as soon as possible.

Ms. Anderson said that Mr. Solander gives a briefing once a month at the BCT meeting. The BCT meeting is the forum for discussing the projects that EM is actively working on, projects that the LRA has approved. He also briefs the BCT on upcoming projects, so there is an opportunity once a month to get that update. Mr. Yarbrough and Mr. Callaway attend the BCT meetings and can bring information from the monthly BCT meetings to the Base Reuse Committee. Those projects that are under consideration are proposals by companies that meet with the Planning Team; Mr. Callaway sits on the Planning Team, and has the opportunity to give input. If the Planning Team approves a proposal under consideration, the proposal then goes to the County Board of Supervisors. There is then a public meeting that all can attend and provide input on the proposal. Once the County Board of Supervisors approves a project, EM is engaged to provide information about the contamination in relationship to the use of that property, and for documenting issues about it such as an Environmental Baseline Survey or an Environmental Impact Statement.

Mr. Healy said that the Base Closure office hears first about these issues and then tells EM. Mr. Healy went on to state that the RAB found out about the vitrification project very early in the process, early enough to have a big impact. Reuse issues that are being considered now are in the proposal stages and no final decisions have been made on them.

Mr. Healy said that he would relay to the Closure office at the next BCT meeting that the RAB Base Reuse Committee is interested in knowing about reuse issues early on at the next meeting. Also instead of waiting every three months or for scheduled meetings, he suggested that mailings could go out and include information on upcoming issues.

Ms. Anderson reiterated that it is the LRA that should be notified of these concerns because McClellan AFB cannot do anything about them. The advice and concerns must go to the County. It is the County that will approve the projects. Ms. Guerra requested that the County be at the next meeting. Ms. Anderson said that is up to the RAB members.

Ms. Anderson said that the RAB is not the forum to discuss reuse issues and new companies coming in, but to discuss cleanup programs. Reuse is starting to show up, in that decisions will need to be made about where to install cleanup systems, where to put dollars and energy. When those decisions start to be made, the Base Reuse Committee will need to be consulted for advice. These are the types of reuse issues that involve this forum. EM is not looking for advice for types of reuse and is not a proponent for LRA projects. EM provides environmental documentation for the LRA. EM looks to the RAB for advice on the cleanup programs.

Mr. Callaway reiterated that the Base Reuse Committee should be informed early on about any reuse issue regardless of who is doing it, and that the Base Reuse Committee is interested in all phases of contamination.

Vitrification Project. Mr. Callaway said he discovered that McClellan is in the process of implementing a vitrification project (making glass from recyclable byproducts from industrial processes). This project would bring in contaminated waste from other facilities onto McClellan AFB. He said that he opposes this not only as a RAB member but also as a community member. It is his belief that if this is allowed, the types and amount of waste brought onto the base could increase in the future.

Mr. Yarbrough elaborated that Seiler's concept is to turn hazardous waste into glass. Unfortunately there is not enough hazardous waste on McClellan AFB thereby requiring hazardous waste to be imported from various areas. According to Mr. Yarbrough, the community is absolutely against this from their past experience in 1981 of the PCB incineration and the on base inside hazardous waste storage area. Ms. Anderson explained that, before the closure decision had been made, McClellan AFB had been studying whether vitrification would be a feasible means of recycling the byproducts of its industrial processes. They had found that, for certain byproducts with metals, it is feasible. The McClellan AFB study is now winding down. This issue had not been brought before the RAB because it was a pollution prevention issue, not a restoration issue, and McClellan AFB never intended to bring waste on base. The company that does the vitrification, Seiler, is now proposing to the LRA to build a vitrification facility on the base as a reuse proposal.

Mr. Yarbrough said he had spoken to Assistant Secretary of the Air Force Tad McCall at a conference a few years ago, and Mr. McCall had said that compliance issues could be discussed at RAB meetings. They had been taken off the RAB agendas because the meetings were too long.

Ms. Gidding agreed that Mr. McCall had said that compliance issues would be appropriate for a RAB discussion if there were available time and resources. This issue is under consideration.

Ms. Anderson recommended the RAB members identify their concerns and address them with the Planning Team or with Seiler directly.

Other Issues. Regarding how clean is clean, Mr. Callaway said that clean is the point of where it does not affect your health or your children's health or the health of the community.

Imogene Zander, community member, said that it is her belief that the Air Force is contaminating her community.

Mr. Callaway said that the RAB has put together worksheets. He has been in contact with a naval base that received \$25,000 to hire an advisory company. The Base Commander felt that Navy money could be used rather than Superfund money. This base will be sending a package explaining the procedures they used in order to obtain funding. Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake and Edwards AFB will also be sending the RAB helpful information.

Mr. Callaway said that he received a copy of a Quarterly Monitoring Plan and does not recall seeing information on MWs 111, 112, and 113. Ms. Anderson asked Mr. Callaway to provide the specific name of the document he referred to and said that EM will respond to his comment.

Mr. Callaway said that it was his understanding that Mr. Brunner had contracted for a security guard to be present at the RAB meetings; however, the security guard was not present tonight. He asked if that contract been cancelled. Ms. Anderson said that the contract has not been cancelled and that she would be investigating to determine why the security guard did not show up tonight.

Mr. Miller said that it is his belief that the security guard was hired because of Larry Button's presence at past meetings. Ms. Margaret Gidding said that the security guard was contracted for safety reasons, especially for those who are at the facility cleaning up after the meeting. The security guard also assists people to their vehicles with a flashlight. The security guard is here for everyone's safety.

Mr. Callaway said that Ms. Anderson should have announced that she was not aware of the reason why the security guard was not present early on in the meeting. Ms. Anderson agreed she could have.

Mr. Callaway and Mr. Yarbrough discussed the issue of an emergency vehicle obstacle course near Ascott. It is their opinion that this area would be best suited for a recreational park. Mr. Yarbrough said that the RAB has issued a letter to the LRA stating that it would be best to relocate the emergency vehicle obstacle course. Ms. Jane Steele of the Urban Creek Council agrees with this along with the Park District. A copy of this letter was provided to those interested.

Mr. Miller said that the *Sacramento Bee* reported about the fire in the plating shop, which was in the midst of a \$20 million renovation project. He asked Mr. Callaway if he was notified of the renovation. Mr. Callaway said that he had no knowledge of such a project.

Mr. Miller went on to say that the *Bee* reported that no toxic substances were found in the smoke plume from the fire. But, he said, the *Bee* failed to say that EM sampled after the fire was over.

Ms. Gidding said that EM did issue a press release to the news media clarifying that more details were available about the fire. This release was also faxed to Mr. Yarbrough the day after the fire.

Mr. Yarbrough questioned the "non-toxic" description of the fire since plastic, fiberglass, and building materials fueled the fire. Mr. Yarbrough said that a better description would have been that none of the hazardous materials used in the building for plating and other activities caught on fire. He also asked whether EM had sampled the plume near the source of the fire. He had seen people walking in the smoke, and his car now smells like plastic. Mr. Miller asked Ms. Anderson where EM sampled. Mr. Dave Green said that the County and Bioenvironmental Engineering (SGB) did the sampling, and EM did not do any sampling.

Mr. Yarbrough asked if information could be provided to the RAB on what was detected in the smoke. Mr. Green said yes. (See attached news release on the fire and memorandum on air sampling from Bioenvironmental Engineering [77 AMDS/SGPB]).

Relative Risk Ranking Committee

Ms. Anderson announced that Mr. Dennis Green resigned and that a copy of his resignation letter is available for those that are interested. The committee did not meet in September. The next meeting will be on December 11, 1997, to elect a new committee chairperson.

Bylaws Committee

Mr. Yarbrough announced that there will be a meeting to form a Bylaws Committee. Mr. Yarbrough will contact RAB members regarding when the meeting will be scheduled. Those interested in being on the Bylaws Committee should notify Mr. Yarbrough.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Ms. Gidding said that Captain Gonzales, in charge of McClellan AFB Public Affairs, was present at tonight's meeting.

The newsletter was mailed late; however, copies were available at the meeting.

The well abandonment project for off-base wells received funds enabling the project to abandon seven residential wells. Mannard Gaines' property was included. This program abandons the well and hooks up the property to public water supplies.

The press release for the plating shop fire was made available for review.

During Operable Units E through H (northern portion of the base) Remedial Investigation, contamination was found close to Building 1048. An information sheet was distributed to nearby base housing residents and the tenants of Building 1048 inviting them to the RAB meeting. This information sheet is available for review.

Mr. Miller said that he had been informed Mr. Brunner renewed the Rideshare Contract even though, according to Mr. Yarbrough, 80% of the Rideshare parking spaces are vacant. It is Mr. Miller's opinion that this program is a failure and that EM cannot substantiate the continuance of this contract.

Ms. Gidding replied that the contract is for an entire Rideshare Program that has been very successful (see attached letter addressed to Paul Brunner, Director of EM, from Tim Taylor, Chief, Mobile Source Division at Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District). This program has won recognition from the American Lung Association, and McClellan AFB sees this program as a worthwhile endeavor in reducing pollution.

Mr. Yarbrough said that he does not recall stating that Rideshare parking spaces were 80% vacant since he has no way of accurately determining the percentage. However, there are a number of carpool slots that are vacant for unknown reasons. Mr. Yarbrough asked why a contractor was used for this task rather than a federal government employee.

Ms. Gidding said that McClellan AFB does not have access to more resources through federal employees to do this. There is an art to getting people to change their habits. This program is very extensive and the person in place has the talent to make it successful.

Mr. Miller asked how many of the 1,400 employees receiving Reduction in Force notices were part of the Rideshare program. Ms. Gidding said that even though McClellan AFB is closing, how to mitigate traffic still has to be addressed. It is probable that the LRA will continue such a program once the base is closed. The air pollution problem is not going away.

Burl Taylor, community member, said that he is concerned about the dirt that is accumulating at the north end of the runway. He asked if anyone knew where the dirt was coming from. Jerry Vincent of EM said that the dirt is clean and it is from the creeks

along the runway. These creeks are being cleaned out in preparation for El Niño and to reduce the chance of flooding. This dirt has a large amount of vegetation in it, but no chemical contamination. Currently there is no dirt being moved around the base. The Civil Engineering Squadron is conducting this effort. This mound of dirt will be regraded next year. *Following the RAB meeting, Mr. Vincent conferred with Lt. Birdfeld at Civil Engineering. The initial creek project to prepare for the rainy season was completed on October 30, 1997. Some of the "green waste" (plants, weeds, and uncontaminated soil) removed from the banks of the creeks and piled at the north end of the runway have been graded into the surrounding soil so that the piles are no longer visible. The remaining green waste will be graded if weather permits by the end of November. If rain causes the soil to become too wet and therefore unstable, the remaining grading will be scheduled for March/April 1998.*

Mr. Taylor asked if EM is testing the soil being removed from the creeks. Mr. Vincent said that there is a Civil Engineering contractor that is removing soil and debris from the Magpie Creek section. Part of this soil is being taken to the county's landfill. This soil is tested to ensure that it is not contaminated before it is transported.

Mr. Taylor asked again for confirmation that the soil was from the base. Mr. Vincent confirmed that it is. Mr. Taylor asked if the soil was cleaned. Mr. Vincent said no, it was just soil removed from the creek.

Mr. Yarbrough asked if EM will be testing the soil. Mr. Vincent said that they have and will continue to test the soil. EM has not found any contamination in this soil.

Mr. Taylor said that the mound of soil is unpleasant to see and asked if something could be done about it. Mr. Vincent said that he would inform Civil Engineering to address the aesthetics.

Mr. Callaway and Mr. Yarbrough brought up the issue regarding the transport of uncovered soil on the base. Mr. Vincent explained that Civil Engineering contractors were transporting the uncovered soil being transported on the base and EM has no control over these contractors.

Mr. Taylor asked if Building 252 was still having a problem. Mr. Healy said that issues on the foundations of Building 252, the soil outside, piping under the building and inside the building have not been resolved. Mr. Green said that the floor of Building 252 has been cleaned. There is still radium contamination 12 to 15 feet down in the soil. This issue is being discussed with various regulatory agencies.

Mr. Taylor asked if this building is currently being used. Mr. Green said no.

Mr. Yarbrough thanked Mr. Vincent for his response to the questions.

RECAP OF CURRENT ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Anderson reviewed outstanding RAB action items.

- Groundwater Monitoring Plan. RAB members provided feedback on the Groundwater Monitoring Plan and that the comments have been addressed. This action item is now closed since the document is now final.
- Reuse and Technical Report Review Committees meeting schedule. These committees are having difficulty developing meeting schedules, so this item is still open.
- Mission statement. A mission statement is needed for the Technical Report Review Committee. Ms. Anderson said that this committee may want to readdress how they are to function. She suggested that the committee members meet and determine what they want to do.

Action items identified during this meeting were reviewed. This list is included in the table at the beginning of these minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Miller asked if there was any information about the possibility of Sacramento Cable coverage of RAB meetings. Mr. Yarbrough said that a representative from CableVision had observed the meeting that night to determine the feasibility of broadcasting the meeting. That person will get back with the RAB at a later date.

Mr. Callaway moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Guerra seconded it. The meeting was adjourned.

INFORMATION REQUESTS

An information request card was filled out at the meeting. A summary of the requests and their answers follows:

- *Question:* What documentation on the Strategic Plan/Proposal for base reuse is available?

Answer: These documents are available through the Local Reuse Authority (LRA). You can either contact County Supervisor Roger Dickinson's Office at 440-5485, or the LRA office on base at 643-6877.

- *Question:* What documentation on the Economic Development Plan/Proposal for base reuse is available?

Answer: The document which defines the financial terms for property conveyance/real estate transfer at McClellan is being prepared by the Air Force Base Conversion Agency (AFBCA); it is not a final signed

document and therefore not yet releasable. The person to contact with questions about when it may become available is Mr. Gary Kuwabara, 643-6420.